

Santa Cruz Lutheran Church
6809 South Cardinal Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85746

**PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SATURDAY JUNE 18TH
9 AM TO 2 PM WITH SNACKS AND LUNCH.**



*Building enduring relationships
in Jesus' Name:
- With God
- With each other
- And with our community*

Santa Cruz News

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June 2022 NEWSLETTER

hello,



*it's been a while since
i've seen you last*



On Father's day this year we are going to serve Root Beer Floats and cookies and brownies. After worship and join us in the fellowship hall and patio.

**June 19, 2022
HAPPY FATHERS DAY**

Your council is elected and charged to keep Santa Cruz LC a safe and welcoming house of worship. As we are now 37 years old, our buildings are needing repairs. With that in mind, 3% of our tithing & non-designated gifts are being used to meet those safety issues. As that is our first concern, those funds paid for the updating & installation of 3 handicapped toilets (Fellowship Hall / two in women's room in breezeway), one of which was donated by Dana and Todd Scholer.

We also addressed Fire Inspection infractions resulting in new signage and emergency exit lighting in the sanctuary & Fellowship Hall. Sprinkler heads were retracted, bird nests removed from the ramada, and landscaping trimmed, cleaned, and sprayed with pre-emergence.

We are also looking to replace our bridge that connects the ramada to the playground, as some of the structure has sustained damage. Most of you are aware of the extensive hail damage done to our buildings and property 2 years ago, which insurance monies paid to have our buildings stucco exterior to be repaired and painted, including all of the doors. Now they all match!! Our roof and a broken window were replaced, and our AC fan blades were smoothed out. Thanks to volunteers, all windows were washed inside and out, screening was replaced by Lisa & Mike Wood Hromidko, then repainted and put back on the windows.

Last springs Rummage Sale proceeds were designated to replace the flooring in 3 bathrooms (counter's room/ men's & women's in breezeway), plus updating the paint in the men's room. That project also required a \$1,000 donation from the Endowment Fund, which was approved by both that committee and the council.

Last falls Craft Bazaar's proceeds were designated toward a new railing connecting our ramada and the Memorial Garden. This was deemed a safety issue, and any extra monies needed to complete that project is being taken from the existing Memorial Garden upkeep fund.

The current Audio/Visual upgrade is being sponsored by the Music & Worship committee, with a fund raiser now in progress. They were

granted a \$4,000 grant from the Grand Canyon Synod, \$2,000 from the Endowment Funds, and folks have already started to give toward that \$15,000 project. With on-going worship via Facebook for folks unable to physically attend, this upgrade will utilize a newer sound system, i.e.; amp, mixer, speakers, microphones, and visual equipment - camera and laptop. We are having to work around our existing "sound closet and electrical wiring", and all 3 bidding companies came up with the same basic equipment requirements.

With the advent of a 250 new home development surrounding our property, we are looking to entice and welcome a younger generation to Santa Cruz Lutheran Church. We hope and pray our updates and welcoming congregation will bend their decisions toward SCLC.

Please let any of your council members know if you have concerns, see anything that needs fixing, or should be addressed for safety.

Blessings and honor,

Carol Radler – SCLC Council President

Members: Pastor Robert Jones, Guillermo Andrade, Sandy Mathis-Arment, Cheryl Bahrychuk, Valerie Cook, Vicky Hohmann, Pam Kern, Rose Phillips.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Council meetings are now on the third Sunday of every month at 11:00 am. Reports need to be sent to Carol a week before the meeting.

Ladies Lunch Bunch Our next luncheon will be Saturday June 17th at 12:30 pm. Location will be Chili's on Valencia (Midvale). They have a great luncheon menu from 1-3 pm Monday thru Friday.

Pastor's Page

June 2022

Dear Members and Friend of Santa Cruz Lutheran,

I was expecting things to quiet down during the Summer, but it looks like June will be keeping us quite busy. So many things are "opening up again" for In Person participation: Memo and Marlisa Andrade are planning to attend the SALCA Bible Camp from May 30-June 3 at the Triangle Y Camp in Oracle. This is the first time that we will be having "in person" Bible Camp in 2 years.

The Synod Assembly will be June 10-11 at Love of Christ Lutheran in Mesa. Pam Kern, Ruth Senkbeil and I will be attending. "Hay Day" will be the theme of our Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM here at Santa Cruz. I know that Carol is looking for volunteers to help with this one-day event. After months of quiet, it's exciting to be looking forward to so many different activities.

On a more personal note, It's also wonderful to be able to visit more members and friends of our congregation in their homes. I am looking forward to scheduling more home visits during the Summer months. This isn't just for "home bound" members and friends, I am also interested in having a meal with you in your homes. Just give a call to the church office and Ruth will help with scheduling a time to get together.

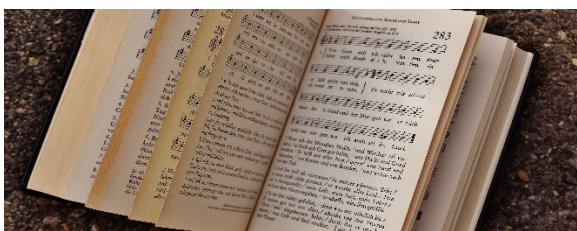
On a more serious note, there has been quite a bit of controversy around the prospect of a major Supreme Court Decision on Abortion. A Formal Ruling is expected in June. You may not be aware of it, but the ELCA issued a Social Statement on Abortion in 1991. If you are interested in a study or discussion on the document, please let us know in the Church Office. We can look at it in a Forum on Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 AM after Worship. Please come prepared to hear differing points of view with courtesy and respect.

For Sunday Morning Worship: We are inviting members and friends of the Congregation to jot down three favorite hymns that you would like to sing this Summer. The Worship and Music Committee will plan the hymns for June, but for the rest of the Summer, we would like to include your favorites.

While we plan for these activities, we are also keeping our eyes and ears open about changes in Transmission Levels for Covid which has certainly seen an upswing in recent weeks. I put in an order for additional Covid Rapid Testing Kits at the Post Office. It is great that we are able to do more things together and in person, but we certainly want to be safe while we are at it.

Respectfully,
Pastor Robert Jones

Choose your favorite hymns. Pastor Bob mentioned this in his article this month. The worship and music committee is asking you to choose three of your favorite hymns that you would like the congregation to sing this summer. This will start in July, so get your hymnal out and choose your hymns. Write down the hymn number and title and of course your name. email or put your choices on Ruth's desk.



Mission and Vision Zoom Pastor Bob has scheduled a meeting for Thursday June 2nd at 7 pm.

SALCA IS BACK FOR 2022

The Southern Arizona Lutheran Camping Association has announced there will be a camp this year at the Triangle Y Ranch in Oracle, AZ. After two years of no camp due to Covid, they will again offer this experience to youth Grades 3-8. Camp will run from May 30th (registration day) through Lunch on Friday, June 3.

Marliza and Memo Andrade will be attending their first SALCA camp Starting May 30th to June 3rd

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "HAYDAY"

Saturday, June 18, 2022 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Woo Hoo!! After two years of not having VBS, we are going imagine ourselves standing in the middle of a flourishing farm. "HayDay" – where kids grow in friendship with Jesus.

Come enjoy new Bible adventures, snacks, crafts, games and music. Lunch will be served as we enjoy our new discoveries. VBS is available to everyone. Volunteer sign-up sheet will be available.

Our Mission Project is: SMILE TRAIN – Changing the World One Smile at a Time.

Pastor Bob, Cheryl Barychuk and Ruth Senkbeil will be attending the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly in Phoenix on June 10th and 11th.

June 21st is the first day of summer. Stay cool and be safe.



...To Dana & Todd Scholer and Kristin Smith for taking care of our grounds and memorial garden.

...to Bill and Cheryl Barychuk, Gary and LeAnne Mitts and Ruth (a volunteer at our food bank) for going to the Main Food bank and picking up the extra food that we give out on Wednesdays. For Diane and Melody for weekly shopping for the extras for the food bank.

... To our Assisting ministers, acolytes, lectors, ushers and musicians that serve us every Sunday.

... To all Food bank volunteers and all that donate food.

... To Rose Phillips who comes in every Thursday to prepare the bulletins for hand out on Sundays and special services and monthly newsletters.

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT....

Remember when we had dinners out with husbands, wives and friends. (no children). We would gather at a restaurant four times a year.

We would like to start this again. What do you think? Do you have suggestions for places to gather for dinner on a Saturday (late afternoon/early evening.) Please call the office or email me at tucson.az.sclc@outlook.com.

I look forward to hearing your suggestions. Let's have some fun.

Memorial service has been planned for Lynn Davis. A Sunday June 5, 2022 at 11:30 am here at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church. Luncheon will follow
Please keep the family and friends of Lynn in your prayers.

+ +Prayers Requested+ + +

Please say special prayers for **Kathy Blake**. Kathy has stage 3 cancer of the esophagus. She had a port put in this week for treatments. Starting next week she will start chemotherapy and radiation for 12 weeks. Then surgery will be scheduled.

Rose Phillips has started Chemotherapy for invasive breast cancer. She will have 12 treatments (one a week) and then have surgery. She had her second treatment May 25th.

Betty Hossler and Karen Barness are enjoying a visit with daughter Dawn in Texas. Prayers for safe travels when they return home. Dawn was able to take them to visit with Kathy and Jim Blake.

Prayers for the **families in Ukraine** who have lost loved ones and also lost homes and their cities.

Prayers for the **families who have lost loved ones due to gun violence**, especially for the parents of the 18 children killed on Tuesday in Uvalde, Texas.

Prayers for **LeAnne Mitts** who will be seeing a surgeon to discuss her recent mammogram and breast biopsy. We do not know what needs to be done until she sees her Doctor.

Susie Hager-Monk has been in St. Mary's Hospital since May 13th. She had a bowel obstruction and was in ICU but did not have surgery. She was moved to a step down unit after a few days to recuperate. She is now going to be at Santa Rita Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Nursing home in Green Valley, Arizona Address: 150 N La Cañada Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614
[\(520\) 625-0178](tel:5206250178). Sandy said Susie can have visitors. Wear a mask.

SERVING IN June 2022

June 5 Pastor Robert Jones
Music Director: Mark Herr
Cantor: Carol Radler
Assistant Minister: Melody Hensley
Lector: LeAnne Mitts
Acolytes: Brooklyn
Ushers: Ruth Senkbeil and Cheryl Barychuk

June 12 Pastor Robert Jones
Music Director: Mark Herr
Cantor: Chuck Glen
Assistant Minister: Joanie Contreras
Lector: Carol Radler
Acolytes: Guillermo Andrade, Jr.
Ushers: LeAnne Mitts and Valarie Alvarez

June 19 Pastor Robert Jones
Music Director: Mark Herr
Cantor: Carol Radler
Assistant Minister: Stu Weidenschilling
Lector: Bill Devinney
Acolytes: Jaden Johnson
Ushers: Pam Kern, Brooklyn and Jaden Johnson
Refreshments : Ruth and Melody

June 26 Pastor Robert Jones
Music Director: Mark Herr
Cantor: Mark Herr
Assistant Minister: Kenny White
Lector: Diane White
Acolytes: Marliza Andrade
Ushers: Diane White and Joanie Contreras

**Thought for the summer:
Do we need a Church Shot?**

I found this in a book called Snappy Squibs for the Church Calendar that was printed in 1931.

We hear every day about getting our COVID vaccine, Covid boosters and flu shots so I thought this appropriate for "Our Church Shot"

It's titled "Morbus Sabbaticus" which translates to "Sunday Sickness"

"Sunday Sickness"

The symptoms vary, but it never interferes with the appetite.

It never lasts more than twenty-four hours at a time. No physician is ever called.

It always proves fatal, in the end, to the soul.

It is contagious.

The attack comes on suddenly every Sunday; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night, and the patient awakes as usual, feeling fine and eats a hearty breakfast. About 9 o'clock the attack comes on and lasts until about noon. In the afternoon the patient is much improved and is able to take a ride and read the Sunday newspaper. Patient eats a hearty supper, but the attack soon comes on again and lasts through the evening (for those who have

Sunday evening church). Patient is able to go to work Monday as usual.

"Walk a little slower, Daddy,"
said a child so small,

"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.
Sometimes your steps are very fast,
sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
for you are leading me."

"Someday when I'm all grown up,
you're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child,
who'll want to follow me.
And I would want to lead just right,
and know that I was true,
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
for I must follow you."

**When we pray for one another it makes a difference.
Remember in your prayers this week...**

Carleen Baker Kathy Blake Susie Hager-Monk
Larry Havenga Mark Kern Ernie, Cici & Aury Lopez
Mary Mack Rose Phillips Curtis Radtke Ellen Swancutt
Gary Wunder Myrna Wunder

Continued prayers for...

Paulette Archuleta Linda Bailey Cheryl Barychuk
Chuck Conrad Gene Copper Rose Copper Carolyn
Dodson Allan DePew Ron Geuder Joyce Havenga Rose
Havenga Betty Hossler June Keiflin Mark & Lisa Koch
Larry & Judi Ruder Jim Skinner Kristin Smith Gary V
Esther Wood Fred Young & Lillian Kusy

Pray for all caregivers.

Pray for all who lost family and friends in the recent shootings in our country especially the families of the 18 children killed in Uvalde, Texas. This was due to gun violence.

Pray for the people of Ukraine and Taiwan.

Pray for the less fortunate.

Active Duty Members in the Military

Rey Alvarez Anjelica Corral Devon Hardesty
Connor Hensley William Hohmann
Erik Lopez Melissa McAdams Kenneth Marstall
Stephen Marstall Dillan Schneider
Gene Copper 10 Years in Marines